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TOWN OFFICERS.

MODERATOR.

NORRIS C. CARTER.

SELECTMEN.

WALTER F. OAKMAN. MARSHALL H. HILL.
ARTHUR A. WOODWARD.

TOWN CLERK.

GEORGE I. CUTLER.

TREASURER.

GEORGE E. WHITCOMB.

COLLECTOR.

ALANSON W. BANKS.

SUPERVISORS.

AUBURN J. DAY. WALTER E. MARSH.
LYMAN M. STONE.

HIGHWAY AGENTS.

GEO. E. WHITCOMB, JR. GEO. L. UNDERWOOD.
JOSEPH L. STARKEY.

SCHOOL BOARD.

GEORGE I. CUTLER. MRS. MARTHA M. BLAKE.
ALLEN C. WILCOX.

AUDITOR.

GEORGE W. WILLIS.

REPORT OF SELECTMEN AND TREASURER.

We, the selectmen and treasurer of the town of Swanzey, submit the following report for the year ending February 15, 1897.

APPROPRIATIONS AT THE ANNUAL MEETING IN MARCH, 1896.

Repair of highways,	$1,800 00
Repair of bridges,	600 00
Support of schools,	2,500 00
Support of poor, part of savings bank tax,	400 00
Town charges, part of savings bank tax,	800 00
Decoration of soldiers' graves,	100 00
Care of cemeteries,	200 00
Supplies for schools,	200 00
Pier at bridge near Sawyer's Crossing,	1,500 00

AT SCHOOL MEETING.

Repair of school property,	$200 00

APRIL INVOICE, 1896.

Resident real estate,	$424,360 00
Non-resident real estate,	111,035 00
Mills and machinery,	50,150 00
Stock in trade,	36,625 00
Money at interest,	31,482 00

Stock in banks,	$2,979 45
Stock in corporations out of state,	1,000 00
421 polls,	42,100 00
366 horses,	18,780 00
1 mule,	10 00
15 oxen,	730 00
470 cows,	10,105 00
1 other neat stock,	15 00
358 sheep,	692 00
31 carriages,	2,245 00
	$732,308 45
Rate per cent., $1.40.	
Tax resulting,	$10,252 32
Gain by computing,	04
West Swanzey fire district tax,	251 18
Added to collector's book,	20 65
Amount committed to collector, 1896,	$10,524 19

RECEIPTS.

Remaining in treasury February 15, 1896,	$1,823 08
A. W. Banks, 1894 and 1895 taxes,	1,294 72
A. W. Banks, interest on 1895 taxes,	38 50
Savings bank tax,	1,481 92
Literary fund,	249 20
Railroad tax,	116 52
County, support of poor,	322 89
County, support of dependent soldiers and their families,	45 00
G. I. Cutler, dogs licensed,	219 07
Otis Whitcomb, cemetery lot,	5 00
C. L. Russell, note,	1,000 00
Jasper Lovering, cemetery lot,	5 00
Fred Carter, cemetery lot,	5 00

W. M. Goldie, show licenses,	$10 00
A. H. & G. E. Whitcomb, Jr., pine,	3 00
A. A. Ware estate, cemetery lot fund,	300 00
H. Sargent, balance decoration appropriation,	23 57
J. Hammond, sale of histories,	22 50
A. J. Perham, bridge plank,	1 96
A. W. Banks, taxes for 1896,	8,863 00
	$15,839 93

DISBURSEMENTS.

TOWN OFFICERS.

Allen C. Wilcox, selectman for 1895,	$136 00
Marshall H. Hill, selectman for 1895,	65 00
Norris C. Carter, selectman for 1895,	113 00
Park E. Wright, health officer, 1895,	22 00
George E. Whitcomb, treasurer, 1895,	35 00
Edna C. Whitcomb, treasurer of school district, 1895,	15 00
George I. Cutler, town clerk, 1895,	30 93
George I. Cutler, member school board, 1895,	50 00
Martha M. Blake, member school board, 1895,	50 00
A. W. Banks, member school board, 1894 and 1895,	100 00
F. F. Downing, clerk of school district,	2 50
A. W. Banks, collecting taxes, 1894,	85 00
Andrew Bloom, constable, 1895,	5 00
A. J. Day, supervisor, 1895 and 1896,	22 50
L. M. Stone, supervisor, 1895 and 1896,	22 50
L. M. Stone, constable, 1895,	10 00
Obadiah Sprague, ballot clerk, 1896,	3 00
John B. Porter, ballot clerk, 1896,	3 00
Herbert O. Young, ballot clerk, 1896,	3 00
Charles H. Rockwood, ballot clerk, 1896,	3 00
Geo. E. Whitcomb, moderator, spring and fall, 1896,	8 00
John C. Bourn, services on board of health,	8 50

George D. Stone, sexton,	$70 00
A. W. Banks, supervisor and blanks,	22 60
B. C. Snow, sexton,	35 00
A. W. Banks, collector for 1895,	85 00
	$1,005 53

SUPPORT OF TOWN POOR.

Norris C. Carter, aid furnished,	$2 25
W. H. Aldrich, attendance on A. Bryant,	14 40
Charles Sawyer, care of W. S. Jackson,	24 00
Charles Pratt, care of W. S. Jackson,	6 00
Hannah Read, board of W. S. Jackson,	11 00
H. B. Evans, team to move Jackson,	1 50
C. A. Smith, attendance on A. Bryant,	15 00
A. E. Bourn, care of W. S. Jackson,	42 50
County, board and clothing, Grace Hale,	162 50
County, board and clothing, Alice Iredale,	148 00
George I. Cutler, attendance on W. S. Jackson,	16 75
	$443 90

SUPPORT OF COUNTY POOR.

M. H. Hill, carrying Clara Cole to Westmoreland,	$4 00
J. B. Hyland, attendance on Mrs. Durant,	10 00
G. W. Willis, goods for T. Durant,	51 68
F. A. Howe, one month's rent T. Durant,	6 00
Geo. L. Underwood, milk for T. Durant,	7 40
J. B. Hyland, attendance on T. Durant's son,	15 00
G. W. Willis, goods for T. Durant,	111 33
E. Munsell, wood for T. Durant,	1 50
E. Munsell, wood for A. Black,	1 00
E. Wilcox & Son, wood for T. Durant,	12 25

G. I. Cutler, attendance on T. Durant,	$6 75
A. A. Woodward, goods to A. Black,	5 25
	$232 16

AID TO DEPENDENT SOLDIERS.

County,	$39 00
	$39 00

SUPPORT OF TRAMPS.

M. A. Evans, keeping tramps 1895 and 1896,	$18 00
M. A. Evans, keeping tramps 1896 and 1897 to date,	8 25
	$26 25

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

G. E. Whitcomb, highway agent,	$721 23
G. L. Underwood, highway agent,	714 62
J. L. Starkey, highway agent,	823 38
W. C. Oakman, balance 1895 account,	2 35
Geo. D. Stone, balance 1895 account,	8 65
C. L. Russell & Co., plank to Underwood, highway agent,	12 17
H. Stratton, breaking paths, 1895 and 1896,	24 20
Beaver Mills, lumber for Underwood, highway agent,	3 63
H. B. Evans, snowing bridge, 1895 and 1896,	8 00
C. R. Weeks, snowing bridge,	7 00
Knowlton & Stone, globe and burner for bridge light,	80
Knowlton & Stone, tile for G. E. Whitcomb Jr., highway agent,	40 33

Knowlton & Stone, tile for G. L. Underwood, highway agent,	$38 01
Error in Underwood's bill,	1 20
	$2,405 57

CARE OF CEMETERIES.

S. Wadsworth, surveying, making plans, etc., 1895,	$58 95
L. Whitcomb, work,	12 00
M. H. Hill, work,	2 50
Oramon Snow, work,	13 50
W. C. Oakman, work,	4 05
E. O. Whitcomb, new fence,	151 48
Geo. D. Stone and help,	16 00
	$258 48

PUBLIC WATER.

Geo. A. Seaver, 1895 and 1896,	$6 00
A. H. Hamblett, 1895 and 1896,	6 00
John B. Porter, 1896,	3 00
G. H. Fairbanks, 1895 and 1896,	6 00
Hiram Bigelow, 1896,	3 00
D. Whitcomb, 1895 and 1896,	6 00
T. J. Fitzgerald, 1896,	3 00
Thomas Parkinson, 1896,	3 00
John H. Rice, 1896,	3 00
	$39 00

SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

Raised by taxation,	$2,500 00
Literary fund,	301 56
Railroad tax,	110 68

Dog licenses,	$211 07
	$3,123 31
Supplies for schools,	$220 00
Repairs school property,	200 00

WEST SWANZEY FIRE DISTRICT.

Walter F. Oakman, treasurer,	$250 00

HOLBROOK FARM ACCOUNT.

Amount due Feb. 15, 1896,	$829 58
G. C. Hill, guardian,	100 00
Amount due account Feb. 15, 1897,	$729 58

MISCELLANEOUS.

Sentinel Printing Co., printing reports,	$55 00
W. F. Oakman, dog license blanks,	1 37
J. H. Phillips, setting glass at town house,	78
Sentinel Printing Co., printing posters,	1 00
W. F. Oakman, cash paid Lawyer Haskins,	2 00
G. A. Seaver, painting rail at Westport,	1 00
A. W. Banks, taxes on Holbrook farm,	15 40
David Wilson, over-tax,	1 40
Ada Howes, over-tax,	5 60
W. F. Oakman, bounty on hawks,	6 25
W. F. Oakman, car fare,	2 20
W. F. Oakman, guide board, etc.,	75
W. F. Oakman, cash paid for work in cemetery,	60
G. I. Cutler, reporting births, etc. to town,	11 25
G. I. Cutler, reporting births, etc. to state,	9 30
C. L. Russell, note and interest,	1,010 00

M. H. Hill, bounty on hawks,			$3 75
L. Newell, over-tax,			1 40
W. F. Oakman, retainer to Batchelder & Faulkner,			6 00
W. H. Spalter, order book,			6 50
W. H. Spalter, tax book for collector,			2 00
W. H. Spalter, pamphlet laws, stationery, etc.,			2 75
J. Moore, damage to sheep by dogs, on tax,			3 75
A. W. Banks, collector, abatement of taxes, 1894,			7 22
A. W. Banks, collector, abatement of taxes, 1895,			28 88
J. Hammond, selling histories,			5 00
A. A. Woodward, stationery, telephone, etc.,			1 50
W. F. Oakman, stationery, telephone, stamps, etc.,			4 15
A. A. Woodward, town officer book,			2 50
F. F. Downing, special police and expense,			1 60
A. C. White, lighting bridge and repairs on lamps,			31 00
A. G. Faulkner, lighting bridge and repairs on lamps,			21 25
C. R. Worcester, lighting bridge,			18 00
		$1,271	15
Total tax for 1896,		$10,524	19
Received of collector, 1896 taxes,	$8,863 00		
In collector's hands, 1896 taxes,	1,661 19		
		$10,524	19
Reported in collector's hands, 1894 taxes,		$103	43
Received of collector, 1894 taxes,	$50 93		
Error in 1896 report,	52 50		
		$103	43
Received of collector, 1895 taxes,	$1,243 79		
Received of collector, interest on 1895 taxes,	38 50		
		$1,282	29

BRIDGE ACCOUNT.

Geo. E. Whitcomb, Jr., 1½ days,	$3 00
A. H. & G. E. Whitcomb, Jr., team, 2 days,	7 00
Geo. E. Whitcomb, team, 1 day,	3 50

Freight on hemlock, from Ashuelot,	$4 50
Freight on spikes,	50
H. O. Thompson, for P. Robbins, stone work,	840 00
Geo. A. Seaver, paint, painting, etc.,	75 48
Geo. E. Whitcomb, plank,	75 82
A. Dickinson, timber,	63 90
G. L. Underwood, 2 days,	4 00
G. L. Underwood, team, 2 days,	7 00
Chas. Emonds, 6 days,	9 00
Elmer Underwood, 3 days,	4 50
C. R. Worcester, 2½ days,	3 75
Charles Ballou, 2½ days,	3 75
G. L. Underwood, use of horse,	1 00
Knowlton & Stone, spikes,	6 89
	$1,113 69

CEMETERY LOT FUND.

Received of A. A. Ware estate,	$300 00
Deposited in Brattleboro bank,	300 00

DECORATION FUND.

Raised by taxation,	$100 00
Harvey Sargeant, treasurer of memorial committee,	100 00

STATE AND COUNTY TAX.

County,	$1,094 04
State tax,	1,980 00

RECAPITULATION.

RECEIPTS.

Remaining in treasury, February 15, 1896,	$1,823 08
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Savings bank tax,	1,481 92
Literary fund,	249 20
Railroad tax,	116 52
County, support of poor,	322 89
County, support of dependent soldiers,	45 00
G. I. Cutler, dogs licensed,	219 07
C. L. Russell, note,	1,000 00
Otis Whitcomb, cemetery lot,	5 00
Jasper Lovering, cemetery lot,	5 00
Fred Carter, cemetery lot,	5 00
W. M. Goldie, show licenses,	10 00
A. A. Ware estate, cemetery lot fund,	300 00
A. H. & G. E. Whitcomb, Jr., for pine,	3 00
H. Sargent, balance decoration appropriation,	23 57
J. Hammond, selling town histories,	22 50
A. J. Perham, bridge plank,	1 96
A. W. Banks, collector, taxes for 1896,	8,863 00
State, bounty on hawks,	10 00
	$15,839 93

DISBURSEMENTS.

Town officers,	$1,005 53
Town poor,	443 90
County poor,	232 16
County dependent soldiers,	39 00
Tramps,	26 25
Highways and bridges,	2,405 57
Public water,	39 00
Memorial committee,	100 00
Cemeteries,	258 48
Support of schools,	3,123 31
Supplies for schools,	220 00
Repair school property,	200 00
West Swanzey fire district,	250 00

Bridge account,	$1,113 69
State tax,	1,980 00
County tax,	1,094 04
Holbrook farm account,	100 00
Miscellaneous,	1,271 15
	$13,902 08

LIABILITIES.

Estimated due town officers,	$650 00
Due county, board of Grace Hale,	50 00
Due county, board of Alice Iredale,	50 00
Due schools, literary fund,	249 20
Due schools, railroad tax,	116 52
Due schools, balance dog tax,	215 32
Due for building pier, per trustee,	101 50
Due Holbrook farm account,	729 58
Due cemetery lot fund, A. A. Ware estate,	300 00
	$2,462 12

ASSETS.

Cash remaining in treasury,	$1,637 85
Cash remaining in Brattleboro bank,	300 00
Due from county,	58 15
Remaining in collector's hands, 1896 taxes,	1,661 19
	$3,657 19

Total assets,	$3,657 19
Total liabilities,	$2,462 12
Balance in favor of town February 15, 1897,	1,195 07
	$3,657 19

WALTER F. OAKMAN,
MARSHALL H. HILL,
ARTHUR A. WOODWARD,
Selectmen of Swanzey.

GEORGE E. WHITCOMB,
Treasurer.

Having examined the foregoing accounts of the selectmen and treasurer, I do hereby certify that I find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

GEORGE W. WILLIS,
Auditor.

REPORT OF

G. E. WHITCOMB, JR., ROAD COMMISSIONER.

EXPENSES FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL.

Geo. E. Whitcomb, Jr., 3½ days,	$7 00
A. H. & G. E. Whitcomb, Jr., team ½ day,	1 75
Oramon Snow, 2 hours,	30
A. H. & G. E. Whitcomb, Jr., team 14 days, 8 hours,	51 80
George Emery, 4 days,	6 00
Ripley Nittrowr, 6 days, 8 hours,	10 20
Ripley Nittrowr and horse, 3 days, 2 hours,	8 00
G. E. Whitcomb, team, 4 days,	14 00
G. E. Whitcomb, horses, 1 day,	2 00
J. Stanton, team, 7 days, 8 hours,	27 30
O. O'Brien, 11 days, 8 hours,	17 70
Frank Tacey, 11 days, 8 hours,	17 70
Henry Fassett, 7 days, 8 hours,	11 70
John Robbins, 8 days,	12 00
Henry Leonard, 2 days,	3 00
Park E. Wright, 3 days, 2 hours,	4 80
John Nittrowr, 2 days, 7 hours,	4 05
	$199 30

MAY.

George E. Whitcomb, Jr., 3 days, 2 hours,	$6 40
A. H. & G. E. Whitcomb, Jr., team, 16 days, 3 hours,	57 05
Geo. E. Whitcomb, team, 10 days,	35 00

Geo. E. Whitcomb, horses, 2 days,	$4 00
John Robbins, 9 days,	13 50
Dennis O'Brien, 2 days,	3 00
Frank Tacey, 10 days,	15 00
Park E. Wright, 1 day,	1 50
Ozro Thompson, 14 days, 3 hours,	21 45
R. Nittrowr and horse, 1 day, 5 hours,	3 75
R. Nittrowr, 1 day,	1 50
John Nittrowr, 1 day, 3 hours,	1 95
Henry Fassett, 2 days, 8 hours,	4 20
Hiram Hills and team, 1 day,	3 50
J. Badger, 1 day,	1 50
Freight on tile,	1 24
C. Beauregard, drawing tile,	75
Fred Dolby, use of cart,	50
Elias Stephenson, cutting brush,	2 00
	$177 79

JUNE.

Geo. E. Whitcomb, Jr., 4½ days,	$9 00
A. H. & G. E. Whitcomb, Jr., team, 18 days,	63 00
Ozro Thompson, 18 days,	27 00
Ripley Nittrowr, 16 days,	24 00
Henry Fassett, 9 days,	13 50
Hiram Hills and team, 3 days,	10 50
John Nittrowr and horse, 14 days,	35 00
John Conboy, 13 days,	19 50
F. H. Dickerman, 8 days,	12 00
Geo. E. Whitcomb, horse, 8 days,	8 00
John Robbins, 1 day,	1 50
J. Badger, 6 hours,	90
	$223 90

JULY AND AUGUST.

Geo. E. Whitcomb, Jr., 2 days,	$4 00

F. H. Dickerman, 3 days,	$4 50
Joseph Badger, 10 days, 7 hours,	16 05
Geo. E. Whitcomb, horse, 5½ days,	5 50
John Starkey, 1 day,	1 50
A. H. & G. E. Whitcomb, Jr., horse, 3½ days,	3 50
A. H. & G. E. Whitcomb, Jr., team, 7½ days,	26 25
C. E. Hayes, 5 days,	7 50
Edward Rolf, ½ day,	75
H. G. Stephenson, ½ day,	75
John S. Nittrowr, 2½ days,	3 75
Ripley Nittrowr, 2 days,	3 00
Ripley Nittrowr, horse, 1-2 day,	50
Henry Fassett, 3 1-2 days,	5 25
Edward Rolf, blasting rocks,	50
A. H. & G. E. Whitcomb, Jr., team drawing tile,	25
74 feet plank,	1 11
1 post,	15
	$84 81

SEPTEMBER.

Geo. E. Whitcomb, Jr., 6 hours,	$1 20
A. H. and Geo. E. Whitcomb, Jr., team 1¼ days,	4 38
Joseph Badger, 1 day,	1 50
C. E. Hayes, 2 hours,	30
John Starkey, 2 hours,	30
	$7 68

OCTOBER.

Geo. E. Whitcomb, Jr., 4 hours,	$0 80
A. H. and G. E. Whitcomb, Jr., team 2 days, 6 hours,	9 10
A. H. and G. E. Whitcomb, Jr., horse 6 hours,	60
Ripley Nittrowr and horse, 6 hours,	1 50
	$12 00

NOVEMBER, DECEMBER AND JANUARY.

A. H. and G. E. Whitcomb, Jr., team 1 day,	$3 50
R. Nittrowr and horse, ½ day,	1 25
C. L. Russell & Co., 165 feet hemlock,	1 65
C. L. Russell & Co., 50 feet chestnut,	75
Obadiah Sprague, 80 loads dirt,	4 00
West Swanzey Mfg. Co., timber to repair bridge,	3 00
Webster Derby, housing scraper,	1 00
G. E. Whitcomb, Jr., 3 hours' work,	60
	$15 75

RECAPITULATION.

Expense for month of April,	$199 30
Expense for month of May,	177 79
Expense for month of June,	223 90
Expense for month of July and August,	84 81
Expense for month of September,	7 68
Expense for month of October,	12 00
Expense for month of November, December and January,	15 75
	$721 23

REPORT OF

GEO. L. UNDERWOOD, ROAD COMMISSIONER.

EXPENSES FOR MONTH OF APRIL.

Geo. L. Underwood, 20 days, 3 hours,	$40 60
Man and team, 16 days, 3 hours,	57 05
Horse and cart, 10 days, at $1.00,	10 00
A. Black, 9½ days, at $1.50,	14 25
Rob. Eastman, 6 days, at $1.50,	9 00
M. C. Stone and team, 2 days, at $1.50,	7 00
Geo. Ballou, 2 days, at $1.50,	3 00
Elmer Underwood, 16½ days, at $1.50,	24 75
Fred Hunt, 15½ days, at $1.50,	23 25
Geo. Page and team, 13½ days, at $3.50	47 25
	1 50
	$237 65

MAY.

Geo. L. Underwood, 12½ days, at $2.00,	$25 00
Team, 5 days, at $2.00,	10 00
Man and team, 2 days, at $3.50,	7 00
Horse and cart, 11½ days, at $1.00,	11 50
Fred Hunt, 17 days, at $1.50,	25 50
E. Black, 18½ days, at $1.50,	27 75
E. A. Underwood,	30 25
Geo. Page, and team, 8 days, at $3.50,	28 00
A. L. Haskell, 7½ hours,	1 12

Wardwell, 1½ days, at $1.50,	$2 25
Repairing picks and scraper,	2 50
	$170 87

JUNE.

Geo. L. Underwood, 11½ days, at $2.00,	$23 00
Horse and cart, 8 days, at $1.00,	8 00
Team, 13 days, at $3.50,	45 50
M. C. Stone, and team, 2 days, at $3.50,	7 00
J. Gemmell, 10 days, at $1.50,	15 00
Geo. E. Page, and team, 8 hours,	2 80
F. Hunt, 13 days, at $1.50,	19 50
E. Black,	19 95
E. Underwood,	15 45
L. Talbot, 3 days, at $1.50,	4 50
C. R. Worcester, and team,	12 00
C. R. Worcester, snowing bridge, March,	1 00
Wesley Talbot, 5 days, at $1.50,	7 50
	$181 20

JULY.

Geo. L. Underwood, 4 days, at $2.00,	$8 00
Team, 2 days, at $3.50,	7 00
Chas. Emmons,	3 50
Work on bridge, Factory Village,	17 50
	$36 00

AUGUST.

Geo. L. Underwood, 1 day,	$2 00
Team, 5½ days, at $3.50,	19 25

Chas. Emmons, 5 days, at $1.50,	$7 50
E. O. Whitcomb, 137 loads gravel,	6 85
	$35 60

SEPTEMBER.

Repairing bridges,	$2 00

OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER.

Geo. L. Underwood, 4 days, 1¾ hours,	$8 35
Man and team, 5 days, 4 hours,	18 90
M. C. Stone, 3 days,	4 50
Team, 5 hours,	1 20
A. W. Dickinson, 35 loads hardpan,	1 75
	$34 70

DECEMBER.

31 hours, at $0.20,	$6 20
31 hours, at $0.15,	4 65
Team, 1 day,	3 50
Self and horse, 9 hours,	2 25
	$16 60

RECAPITULATION.

April,	$237 65
May,	170 87
June,	181 20
July,	36 00
August,	35 60
September,	2 00
October and November,	34 70
December,	16 60
	$714 62

REPORT OF
JOSEPH L. STARKEY, ROAD COMMISSIONER.

EXPENSES MONTH OF APRIL.

J. L. Starkey, 1 day, 5 hours,	$3 00
J. L. Starkey and team, 9 days, 9 hours,	34 65
J. W. Ballou, 1 day, 9 hours,	2 85
Earl Ballou, 1 day, 9 hours,	1 50
Earl Ballou and team, 7 days, 5½ hours,	26 42
C. E. Eveleth and team, 10 days, 7½ hours,	37 62
W. I. Ballou, 11 days, 5 hours,	17 25
John Bartlett, 1 day, 1 hour,	1 65
O. D. Twitchell and team, 3½ hours,	1 22
Richard Dunn, 3 days,	4 50
Walter Day, 6 days, 5½ hours,	9 82
Walter Day, use of horse,	25
Leon Marsh, 6 days, 5½ hours,	9 82
A. R. Martin, snowing bridge,	3 00
M. M. Ballou, 13 loads gravel,	65
J. F. Ballou and team, 1 day, 9 hours,	6 65
J. F. Ballou and help, 4 days, 6 hours,	6 90
H. Hill, 7 hours,	1 05
	$168 80

MAY.

J. L. Starkey, 2 days, 5 hours,	$5 00
J. L. Starkey and team, 2 days, 5 hours,	8 75
J. L. Starkey drawing tile,	3 00
Frank E. Ballou, 7 days, 5 hours,	11 25

J. L. Winch and team, 3 days, 8 hours,	$13 30
J. L. Winch and help, 7 days, 8 hours,	11 70
Spencer & Co., tile,	24 84
W. I. Ballou, 5 days, 5 hours,	8 25
Nelson Collier, 3 days, 5 hours,	5 25
Chas. Marsh, 2 days, 3 hours,	3 45
H. M. Carlton,	2 48
	$97 27

JUNE.

J. L. Starkey, 4 days,	$8 00
J. L. Starkey and team, 13 days, 9 hours,	48 65
J. L. Starkey, drawing plank,	1 75
C. E. Eveleth and team, 10 days, 5 hours,	36 75
F. E. Ballou, 13 days,	19 50
Earl Ballou, 13 days, 3 hours,	19 95
Earl Ballou, drawing plank,	1 75
H. M. Williams, 3 days, 5 hours,	5 25
H. M. Williams, 5 days,	7 50
Fred Goodell, 3 hours,	45
Chas. Bouvier, repairing,	30
Spencer & Co., spikes,	45
A. A. Woodward, paint for iron bridge,	10 17
Frank Collier, hanging lantern,	25
J. F. Ballou, team and help,	10 80
W. I. Ballou, 6 days,	9 00
F. J. Twitchell and team, 9 days, 4 hours,	32 90
W. J. Twitchell, 9 days, 4 hours,	14 10
M. L. Twitchell, 169 loads dirt,	8 45
Chas. Marsh, scraping and painting iron bridge,	14 40
J. L. Winch, team and help,	20 00
	$270 37

SEPTEMBER.

C. L. Russell & Co., 2049 ft. bridge plank at $15,	$30 73
J. L. Starkey, 4 days, 3 hours,	8 60
J. L. Starkey and team, 1 day, 3 hours,	4 55
J. M. Prentice and help,	31 50
Earl Ballou, 1 day,	1 50
W. I. Ballou, 2 days,	3 00
	$79 88

OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER.

J. L. Starkey, 2 days, 5 hours,	$5 00
J. L. Starkey and team, 2 days 9 hours,	10 15
W. I. Ballou, 4 days, 6 hours,	6 90
C. E. Eveleth and team, 2 days, 5 hours,	8 75
C. E. Eveleth, drawing posts and railing,	1 50
C. E. Eveleth, 3 days, 5 hours,	5 25
Walter Day, 4 days, 7 1-2 hours,	7 13
Geo. Barrett, 2 days, 5 hours,	3 75
Geo. Barrett, railing poles,	50
J. F. Ballou, team and help,	40 00
H. F. Whitcomb, team and help,	26 50
H. F. Whitcomb, 187 loads dirt,	7 48
Richard Dunn, 1 day,	1 50
Leon Marsh, 8 hours,	1 20
Earl Ballou and team, 2 days, 5 hours,	8 75
J. W. Ballou, 4 days, 7 hours,	7 05
Spencer & Co., tile,	18 62
J. L. Starkey, paid for spikes,	52
M. C. Stone, bridge plank,	4 44
Chas. H. Applin, posts for railing,	2 64
E. W. Handy, 28 loads gravel,	1 40
Chas. H. Applin, 24 loads gravel,	1 20
G. W. Willis, 7 loads gravel,	35
F. E. Ballou, use of plow,	50
	$171 08

DECEMBER AND JANUARY.

J. L. Starkey, 1 day, 8 hours,	$3 60
John Prentice, team and help,	5 00
H. F. Whitcomb and help,	3 25
W. I. Ballou, 1 day, 5 hours,	2 25
J. W. Ballou, team and help,	10 15
J. W. Ballou, railings and posts,	65
J. L. Starkey, use of team,	5 00
E. L. Newell, 1½ hours,	23
J. L. Starkey and team, breaking roads, 1 day, 2 hours,	4 20
F. J. Twitchell and team, 5 hours,	1 75
	$36 08

RECAPITULATION.

Expenses for month of April,	$168 80
Expenses for month of May,	97 27
Expenses for month of June,	270 27
Expenses for month of September,	79 88
Expenses for months of October and November,	171 08
Expenses for months of December and January,	36 08
	$823 38

REPORT OF MEMORIAL COMMITTEE.

Received of selectmen, appropriation for 1896,	$100 00	
Received of O. S. Eaton, from the appropriation of 1895,	16 00	
		$116 00
Paid J. O. Howard for groceries,	$1 69	
Ellis Brothers for flowers,	7 50	
Goodnow, Day & Co. for napkins,	45	
Mrs. Snow for work,	75	
For 1 ham,	2 30	
West Swanzey Brass Band,	35 00	
Rev. Mr. McCord for address,	10 00	
O. L. Mason for singing,	3 00	
F. O. Willard for flowers,	10 00	
Express on flowers,	25	
For S. V. badges,	30	
Mrs. Ellen Blodget Ramsdell,	3 00	
H. Lincoln, cord on monument,	60	
For flags,	2 40	
H. B. Evans for transportation,	8 00	
Spencer & Co. for wire,	40	
M. Burke, corn beef,	79	
J. A. Knight, four pounds butter,	90	
O. J. Very for repairing and painting monument,	2 00	
O. J. Very, two trips to Keene,	1 00	
O. J. Very, one day's work,	1 50	
Goodnow, Day & Co. for ribbon,	60	
		$92 43
To cash returned to town,		23 57
		$116 00

HARVEY SARGENT,
Treasurer of Memorial Committee.

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL BOARD.

The following annual report of the school board of Swanzey for the year ending August, 1896, is respectfully submitted, with such information as they consider important and of interest to the town. This is made to correspond with the report required to be sent to the superintendent of public instruction. There will be found appended to this report a statistical table with names of teachers and other items required to be reported. There is also given a brief statement of our schools since the last annual school meeting. The school treasurer's itemized report for the year ending February 15, shows the amount of school funds received, and how disbursed among the several schools.

Since the last annual report we have had an aggregate of over 319 weeks of schooling for the eleven different schools, each one having about 30 weeks for the year, which has been divided into three terms each, except in No. 9, where there have been two terms, of twenty-two weeks in all.

The total cost of schools this year has been necessarily a little more than last year, on account of the reopening of the school in No. 9, where there had been none for some years. This extra school was necessary for the accommodation of the small children who reside in this part of the town.

The whole number of scholars five years of age and upward attending school not less than two weeks during the last legal school year, ending in August, was 356, in the proportion of 177 boys and 179 girls. The selectmen who were appointed as the agents to make the required enumeration of the

children in town in April reported 134 boys and 153 girls, between the ages of 5 and 16, 99 of them being over 12 years of age.

We have found this year but few instances where children have been kept from school in violation of our state law. No parent or person can claim any right, either legal or moral, to deprive a child of the schooling that rightly belongs to him, except in case of sickness or extreme necessity. Our truant officer has found but very little to do in looking up cases where children were not sent to school, or where scholars were playing truant. With good teachers we should endeavor to make our schools so efficient, so interesting and attractive that children will enjoy them and desire to attend them.

During the year there have been several changes in teachers, some on account of resignation, and others on account of sickness. All others have taught the required number of weeks with the exception of the teacher of the fall term at East Swanzey, who failed to give satisfaction, and the school was closed at the end of the seventh week.

The financial report will show that more has been expended for repairs the past year than was voted to be raised at the last annual meeting. In order to pay all bills for this purpose a small per cent. of the school money was taken, leaving a little less balance than last year. Most of the money raised was expended at No. 5, in building an addition to the house and otherwise improving the interior.

It was found necessary to shingle the school house in No. 9. Small repairs and improvements have been made on other houses as may be seen in the report. The house in No. 1, should be put in better condition. An ante-room which can be warmed is needed, and a proper playground for the scholars, which they never have had.

The law requires that the school board shall furnish text books and school supplies at the expense of the town. This we have done according to the best of our judgment, supplying the schools only with what appeared to be needed, trust-

ing somewhat to the orders of the teachers whose wants are often unlike for the work they do. Many of the books we now have are badly worn and not a small number of them unfit for use.

No new text books have been introduced the past year. We are much in need of a new series of Arithmetics. As many of the Franklin series are nearly worn out and new books must be provided, it is thought advisable to introduce a new book.

In addition to the studies required to be reported and not named in the statistical table, fifty-seven scholars have attended to bookkeeping, eleven to philosophy, three to natural history, twenty-two to botany, 115 to vocal music, two to rhetoric and nine to physical geography.

Many of our teachers are devoting a little time each day to vocal music. The results have been gratifying, and we recommend that this plan be adopted in all our schools.

In the West Swanzey schools an attempt has been made during the past year to improve the grading, and to establish a definite or fixed course of study to be pursued. It is necessary that pupils be required to pursue such studies as prescribed in the course, and that a certain standing in scholarship be attained by each pupil before promotion to the next higher grade.

The teachers in the Grammar and Intermediate schools have sought to bring about a more hearty co-operation of the parents in the school work by submitting for their approval and signature report cards, made out at the middle and end of each term. These cards give the average per cent of standing of a pupil in each study, together with their deportment. In this way parents can be correctly informed just how their children are progressing in school. This system prevails in nearly all towns where graded schools are maintained.

We have reason to be gratified with the excellent success of so many of our schools during the past year. It is due to say that our teachers have generally been faithful and have worked for the interests of their schools. Any partial failure

or lack of success which any of them may have had has mostly been owing to their inability to keep good order. Some have found difficulty in managing scholars who have no respect for good rules and regulations, and some have had to deal with those who do not willingly submit to any government, either at school or at home.

Under our present system of schools more is required of a teacher than in former times, for there is now more to teach, and more to govern, and more to do in school. One may rank high in scholarship and be acquainted with all the theories of school and best methods of instruction and not be able to keep order, and the school will not prove a success.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEB. 15, 1897.

SCHOOL NO. 1.

Miss Clara E. Wood, teacher for summer term; Miss Grace Ball, teacher for fall term; Miss Ada D. Sanborn, teacher for winter term.

	Summer Term.	Fall Term.	Winter Term.
Length of school in weeks,	9	10	10
Whole number of scholars,	31	33	33
Average daily attendance,	28	29	29
Number of tardy marks,	52	6	35
Number of scholars neither absent nor tardy,	2	5	5
Wages of teacher per month including board,	$32.00	$32.00	$32.00

SCHOOL NO. 2.

Miss Marinda P. Davis, teacher for summer term; Miss Laura Merriam, teacher for fall term; Joseph W. Gannon, teacher for winter term.

	Summer Term.	Fall Term.	Winter Term.
Length of school in weeks,	10	7	13
Whole number of scholars,	36	35	35

	Summer Term.	Fall Term.	Winter Term.
Average daily attendance,	34	34	33
Number of tardy marks,			
Number of scholars neither absent nor tardy,	14		
Wages of teacher per month including board,	$40.00	$36.00	$40.00

SCHOOL NO. 4.

Miss Gertrude M. Ellis, teacher for summer term; Miss Gertrude M. Ellis, teacher for fall term; Miss G. M. Ellis and Vondelia Dexter, teachers for winter term.

	Summer Term.	Fall Term.	Winter Term.
Length of school in weeks,	10	10	10
Whole number of scholars,	20	16	16
Average daily attendance,	18	14	15
Number of tardy marks,	18	14	38
Number of scholars neither absent nor tardy,	5	3	6
Wages of teacher per month including board,	$30.00	$30.00	$30.00

SCHOOL NO. 5.

Miss Vondelia Dexter, teacher for summer term; Miss Gertrude Wiswall, teacher for fall term; Miss Emma P. Adams, teacher for winter term.

	Summer Term.	Fall Term.	Winter Term.
Length of school in weeks,	9 4-5	10	10
Whole number of scholars,	18	21	17
Average daily attendance,	17	18	16
Number of tardy marks,	6	8	0
Number of scholars neither absent nor tardy,	5	8	9
Wages of teachers per month including board,	$28.00	$26.00	$28.00

SCHOOL NO. 7.

Miss Sara E. Phelps, teacher for summer term; Miss Sara E. Phelps, teacher for fall term; Miss Sara E. Phelps, teacher for winter term.

	Summer Term.	Fall Term.	Winter Term.
Length of school in weeks,		11	10
Whole number of scholars,	38	36	34
Average daily attendance,	32	31	28
Number of tardy marks,	25	48	85
Number neither tardy nor absent,	5	4	4
Wages of teacher per month including board,	$34.00	$34.00	$34.00

SCHOOL NO. 8.

Miss Lovina C. Cairns, teacher for summer term; Miss Maude S. Evans, teacher for fall term; Miss Maude S. Evans, teacher for winter term.

	Summer Term.	Fall Term.	Winter Term.
Length of school in weeks,	10	11	8.4
Whole number of scholars,	14	16	15
Average daily attendance,	12	14	13
Number of tardy marks,	24	44	82
Number neither absent or tardy,	3	0	0
Wages of teacher per month including board,	$30.00	$30.00	$30.00

SCHOOL NO. 9.

Miss Carrie Handy, teacher for summer term; Miss Carrie Handy, teacher for fall term.

	Summer Term.	Fall Term.
Length of school in weeks,	10	12
Whole number of scholars,	15	13
Average daily attendance,	14	12
Number of tardy marks,	4	8
Scholars neither absent nor tardy,	10	4
Wages of teacher per month including board,		$30.00

SCHOOL NO. 10.

Florence M. Osgood, teacher for summer term; Florence M. Osgood, teacher for fall term; Florence M. Osgood, teacher for winter term.

	Summer Term.	Fall Term.	Winter Term.
Length of school in weeks,	10	10.6	8.8
Whole number of scholars,	14	15	11
Average daily attendance,	11	14	10
Number of tardy marks,	4	2	0
Scholars neither tardy nor absent,	10	4	3
Wages of teacher per month including board,	$30.00	$28.00	$28.00

SCHOOL NO. 11—PRIMARY.

Miss Annie L. Capron, teacher for summer term; Miss Annie L. Capron, teacher for fall term; Miss Annie L. Capron, teacher for winter term.

	Summer Term.	Fall Term.	Winter Term.
Length of school in weeks,	10	11	9
Whole number of scholars,	56	41	37
Average daily attendance,	50	37	32
Number of tardy marks,	2	1	14
Scholars neither absent nor tardy,	8	14	3
Wages of teachers per month including board,	$32.00	$32.00	$32.00

SCHOOL NO. 11—INTERMEDIATE.

Miss Katherine F. Blake, teacher for summer term; Miss Katherine F. Blake, teacher for fall term; Miss Katherine F. Blake, teacher for winter term.

	Summer Term.	Fall Term.	Winter Term.
Length of school in weeks,	10	11	9
Whole number of scholars,	34	35	35
Average daily attendance,	31	32	32
Number of tardy marks,	4	11	22
Number neither tardy nor absent,	9	11	7
Wages of teacher per month including board,	$36.00	$36.00	$36.00

SCHOOL NO. 11—GRAMMAR.

Mrs. Ellen M. Higgins, teacher for summer term; Mrs. Ellen M. Higgins, teacher fall term; Mrs. Ellen M. Higgins, teacher winter term.

	Summer Term.	Fall Term.	Winter Term.
Length of school in weeks,	10	11	9
Whole number scholars,	26	30	30
Average daily attendance,	25	28	28
Number of tardy marks,	6	14	23
Number neither absent nor tardy,	9	10	7
Wages of teacher per month including board,	$42.00	$42.00	$42.00

GEORGE I. CUTLER,
ALLEN C. WILCOX,
MARTHA M. BLAKE,
School Board of Swanzey.

STATISTICAL TABLE FROM AUGUST, 1895, TO AUGUST, 1896.

School No.	TEACHERS.	Term.	No. of weeks.	Wages teacher per month.	No. of pupils.	Boys.	Girls.	Average daily attendance.	Percentage of attendance.	Not tardy or absent.	Reading and Spelling.	Writing.	Arithmetic.	Geography.	Grammar.	History.	Algebra.	Physiology.	Visits by committee.	Other visitors.
1	Miss Clara E. Wood,	1	10	$32.00	29	11	18	27	.9643	6	29	28	25	22	13			4	4	
	Miss Winnifred Gay and Florence Osgood,	2	9	32.00	31	12	19	24	.9230	8	29	29	29	21	12	11	1	13	3	19
	Miss Clara E. Wood,	3	9	32.00	29	11	18	26	.9192	2	31	31	28	25	13	11		4	4	25
2	Miss Alice G. Adams,	1	11	40.00	34	16	14	29	.9355	7	34	34	34	24	27	15	1	14	4	18
	Miss Alice G. Adams,	2	9	40.00	29	15	14	26	.9429	6	29	29	29	24	24	17	1	15	5	18
	Miss Marinda P. Davis,	3	10	40.00	36	16	20	34	.95	14	36									
4	Miss Gertrude M. Ellis,	1	10	30.00	17	9	8	15	.88	2	17	17	16	8	10		1	3	3	26
	Miss Gertrude M. Ellis,	2	10	30.00	16	9	7	15	.93	7	16	16	17	9	12		4	3	3	17
	Miss Gertrude M. Ellis,	3	10	30.00	20	9	11	18	.94	5	20	20	20	12	13	3	4	3	3	53
5	Miss Vandelia Dexter,	1	10 3-5	28.00	23	11	12	20	.95	6	23	23	17	13	6	6	3	4	4	20
	Miss Vandelia Dexter,	2	9	28.00	20	10	10	18	.95	4	20	20	15	10	10	6	3	4	3	17
	Miss Vandelia Dexter,	3	9 4-5	28.00	18	9	9	17	.944	6	17	18	13	10	8	5	2	3	3	31
7	Miss Sara E. Phelps,	1	11	34.00	42	27	14	33	.8918	6	42	36	25	23	12	1		5	5	20
	Miss Sara E. Phelps,	2	9	34.00	38	24	14	32	.8421	9	38	33	31	20	11			3	5	20
	Miss Sara E. Phelps,	3	10	34.00	38	24	14	33	.9166	6	38	31	30	21	14			2	4	34
8	Miss Winnifred Gay,	1	9.6	30.00	16	9	7	14	.9333	3	16	15	15	14	8	5			2	14
	Miss Lovina C. Cairnes,	2	10	30.00	13	7	6	10	.909	2	13	13	11	9	8			1	2	26
	Miss Lovina C. Cairnes,	3	9.6	30.00	14	7	7	12	.923	3	14	14	11	7	6			5	1	30
9	Miss Carrie Handy,	3	10	26.00	15	8	7	14	.9966	10	15	15	12	9	3				3	36
10	Miss Lillian Lewis,	1	10	30.00	14	10	4	14	.9942		21	26	10	12	10		5	2	1	44
	Miss Lillian Lewis,	2	9 4-5	30.00	26	17	9	20	.2059	5	14	14	13	8	9		2	3	3	24
	Miss Florence Osgood,	3	10	30.00	14	9	5	11	.1130	3	14	14	14	9	9	2	3	4	2	22
11	*Mrs. Ellen M. Higgins,	1	11	40.00	29	10	19	26	.9424	7	29	29	24	14	20	20	15	13	5	30
	*Mrs. Ellen M. Higgins,	2	9	40.00	28	10	18	26	.9731	9	28		28	26	28	28	15	12	7	59
	*Mrs. Ellen M. Higgins,	3	10	42.00	26	7	19	25	.9456	9	26	26	26	14	26	20	16	14	4	95
	†Miss Kathrine F. Blake,	1	11	36.00	35	16	19	33	.95	10	35	35	35	35	22	14		14	4	38
	†Miss Kathrine F. Blake,	2	9	36.00	33	13	20	27	.818	6	33	33	33	33	21	11		11	5	48
	†Miss Kathrine F. Blake,	3	10	36.00	34	14	20	31	.97	10	34	34	34	34	20	12		11	4	36
	‡Miss Kate Clark,	1	11	32.00	46	23	23	43	.9773	13	46	46	46	12					11	45
	‡Miss Anne L. Capron,	2	9	32.00	43	25	25	35	.875	8	43	42	42	12					6	53
	‡Miss Anne L. Capron,	3	10	32.00	56	28	28	50	.9433		56	56	56	15					5	63

* Grammar. † Intermediate. ‡ Primary.

REPORT OF SCHOOL TREASURER.

SCHOOL MONEY RECEIVED.

Balance from last year,	$332 31
Town appropriation,	2,500 00
Literary fund,	301 56
Railroad tax,	110 68
Dog license,	211 07
	$3,455 62

MONEY DISBURSED.

SCHOOL NO. 1.

Clara E. Wood, teaching 9 weeks,	$72 00
Alice Webster, teaching 4 days,	6 00
M. Grace Ball, teaching 10 weeks,	80 00
Ada Sanborn, teaching 10 weeks,	85 00
Loyal Avery, janitor three terms, and kindlings,	5 00
Nettie Pluff and Alice Gemmell, sweeping school house,	3 00
Anna Lahiff, cleaning school house,	2 00
Charles R. Ballou, cupboard and repairs,	7 50
G. L. Underwood, 2 1-2 cords wood,	10 00
George Draper, work and glass,	1 37
	$271 87

SCHOOL NO. 2.

M. P. Davis, teaching 10 weeks,	$100 00
L. M. Merriam, teaching 7 weeks,	63 00
Joseph W. Gannon, teaching 13 weeks,	130 00

Eugene Stone, janitor, spring term,	$3 00
L. M. Merriam, janitor, part fall term,	1 20
R. W. Lane, janitor, part fall term,	2 00
Joseph W. Gannon, janitor, winter term,	9 00
Susan A. Streeter, conveying scholars, spring term,	10 00
E. Wilcox & Son, cleaning school yard,	3 25
E. Wilcox & Son, 4 cords wood,	17 00
E. O. Whitcomb, conveying scholars, two terms,	20 00
	$358 45

SCHOOL NO. 4.

Gertrude M. Ellis, teaching 25 weeks,	$187 50
Vandelia Dexter, teaching 5 weeks,	37 50
Lewis Harper, janitor, winter term and kindlings,	3 00
Mrs. Anna R. Ballou, cleaning school house,	2 00
A. S. Blake, 2 1-2 cords wood,	11 25
F. F. Downing, 33 feet boards,	45
	$241 70

SCHOOL NO. 5.

Vandelia Dexter, teaching 10 weeks,	$70 00
Gertrude Wiswall, teaching 10 weeks,	65 00
Emma P. Adams, teaching 10 weeks,	70 00
Fred Thurber, janitor, three terms and kindlings,	5 00
Lenore Bromley and Fleda Whitcomb, sweeping school house,	1 75
Mrs. C. R. Worcester, cleaning school house and setting glass,	2 25
F. F. Downing, 2 1-2 cords wood,	10 67
Kirk & Sewall, stove and fixtures,	11 39
	$236 06

SCHOOL NO. 7.

Sara E. Phelps, teaching 30 weeks,	$255 00
H. H. Bolles, janitor, three terms and kindlings,	7 00
H. H. Bolles, cleaning school house and yard,	4 30
H. H. Bolles, 4 1-2 cords wood,	18 00
H. H. Bolles, repairs on school house and shed,	2 75

Knowlton & Stone, two locks,	$1 35
N. C. Carter, labor,	1 50
	$289 90

SCHOOL NO. 8.

Lavinia C. Cairns, teaching 10 weeks,	$75 00
Maud S. Evans, teaching 19 1-5 weeks,	144 00
Herman H. Perry, janitor, spring and fall terms, and piling wood,	6 00
John M. Prentice, cleaning around school house, 1894 and 1895,	1 00
John M. Prentice, 4 cords wood,	17 00
John M. Prentice, cleaning school house, stove pipe, etc.,	6 00
A. W. Banks, keys, 1895,	50
George W. Richardson, repairs,	1 00
H. H. Bolles, repairs,	1 67
	$252 17

SCHOOL NO. 9.

Carrie J. Handy, teaching 22 weeks,	$149 00
Carrie J. Handy, janitor, spring and fall terms,	4 50
John C. Bourn, labor,	3 00
	$156 50

SCHOOL NO. 10.

Florence M. Osgood, teaching 29 2-5 weeks,	$215 00
Florence M. Osgood, janitor, fall term,	2 50
Florence M. Osgood, cleaning school house,	1 00
E. H. Milliken, janitor, spring term,	1 68
A. C. Wilcox, dust pan,	10
E. Wilcox & Son, 3 cords wood,	12 75
John C. Bourn, labor,	2 25
	$235 28

SCHOOL NO. 11.

Mrs. Ellen M. Higgins, teaching 30 weeks,	$315 00
Kate F. Blake, teaching 30 weeks,	270 00

Annie L. Capron, teaching 29 4-5 weeks,	$238 67
Fred F. Parker, janitor spring term,	10 00
Wm. I. Ide, janitor fall and winter terms,	30 50
Minnie LaFountain, sweeping and dusting school house,	1 50
Mrs. A. W. Taylor, cleaning school house,	10 00
H. B. Evans, coal,	72 58
Obadiah Sprague, 5 cords wood,	18 75
Edward Stanton, 2 loads kindlings,	70
B. F. Bowen, packing wood and work in school yard,	3 75
N. C. Carter, work on sidewalk,	2 25
Geo. A. Seaver, repairs,	75
Kirk & Sewall, 29 lbs. funnel, 1895,	2 90
Kirk & Sewall, stove pipe and damper,	2 10
Alfred Talbot, conveying scholar, 1895 and 1896,	10 00
H. C. Atwood, conveying scholars three terms,	64 00
	$1,053 45

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

A. W. Banks, taking enumeration of scholars, 1895,	$2 00
M. H. Hill, taking enumeration of scholars,	3 00
Walter F. Oakman, taking enumeration of scholars,	3 00
A. A. Woodward, taking enumeration of scholars,	3 00
Keene Board of Education, tuition for one pupil,	3 00
Martha M. Blake, chair, putty, glass, 3 brooms, and moving wood,	2 13
W. H. Spalter, 3 dusters, 25 enumeration cards,	2 35
Goodnow, Day & Co., 3 brooms, pail, dustpan, sand paper,	1 46
A. C. Wilcox, labor,	2 60
H. H. Bolles, slating blackboard,	75
W. H. Spalter, 4 qts. slating,	8 75
	$32 04
Amount received,	$3,455 62
Amount expended,	3,127 42
Balance in treasury,	$328 20

SUPPORT AND REPAIRS SCHOOL PROPERTY.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last year,	$41 68
Town appropriation,	200 00
	$241 68

DISBURSEMENTS.

SCHOOL NO 2.

John C. Bourn, labor,	$6 86

SCHOOL NO. 5.

Geo. W. Richardson, repairs and material,	$123 52
B. F. Mead, mason work and material,	31 10
Geo. Draper, painting and papering,	20 75
	$175 37

SCHOOL NO. 7.

George A. Seaver, painting and kalsomining,	$9 71

SCHOOL NO. 9.

C. H. Ellis, 9½ M. shingles,	$29 53
E. Wilcox & Son, shingling, lumber, nails, and cleaning yard,	18 12
	$47 65
Amount received,	$241 68
Amount expended,	239 59
Balance in treasury,	$2 09

TEXT BOOKS AND SCHOOL SUPPLIES.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last year,	$12 89
Town treasurer,	220 00
Books and school supplies sold,	6 06
	$238 95

EXPENSES.

American Express Co.,	$3 90
Boston & Maine R. R. Co., freight,	65
F. H. Cook & Co., pencil sharpeners,	3 50
The Werner Co., 24 primers,	5 76
Silver, Burdett & Co., 12 dozen spelling blanks,	4 20
Edward E. Babb & Co., 24 Colburn's arithmetics,	3 78
Edward E. Babb & Co., 32 Prince's arithmetics, 2 grades,	5 76
Edward E. Babb & Co., 28 Franklin's arithmetics 2 grades,	14 11
Edward E. Babb & Co., 50 Gilbert's School Studies in Words,	11 25
Edward E. Babb & Co., 34 dozen Normal writing books,	25 21
Edward E. Babb & Co., 40 Barnes' U. S. histories,	24 73
Edward E. Babb & Co., 48 Harper's readers, 2 grades,	18 27
Edward E. Babb & Co., 6 Bert's Scientific Knowledge,	3 00
Edward E. Babb & Co., 6 Green's algebras,	2 70
Edward E. Babb & Co., 18 sets Meservey bookkeeping blanks,	8 10
Edward E. Babb & Co., 15 Hutchinson's physiologies,	14 85
Edward E. Babb & Co., 18 Butler's geographies,	9 72

Edward E. Babb & Co., 6 Warren's Physical geographies,	$8 10
Edward E. Babb & Co., 8 Macy's Our Government,	5 40
Edward E. Babb & Co., stationery and crayons,	12 87
W. H. Spalter, 1 Harper's reader,	45
W. H. Spalter, 8 geographies,	4 35
W. H. Spalter, 3 Colburn's arithmetics,	1 20
W. H. Spalter, 1 record book,	1 00
W. H. Spalter, 16 numeral cards,	74
W. H. Spalter, 15 sets bookkeeping blanks,	8 90
W. H. Spalter, 42 copy books,	2 94
W. H. Spalter, 32 spelling blanks,	1 28
W. H. Spalter, 50 composition books,	1 50
W. H. Spalter, 18 teacher's certificates,	23
W. H. Spalter, stationery, slates, erasers, call bell,	26 66
Martha M. Blake, labels for 1895 and 1896,	2 25
	$237 36
Receipts,	238 95
Expenses,	237 36
Balance in treasury,	$1 59

EDNA C. WHITCOMB, Treasurer.

Having examined the foregoing accounts, I find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

GEORGE W. WILLIS, Auditor.

VITAL STATISTICS.

To the Selectmen:

In compliance with an act of the legislature passed June Session, 1887, requiring clerks of towns to furnish a transcript of the record of births, marriages and deaths for publication in the Annual Report, I hereby submit the following:

Births Registered in the Town of Swanzey, N. H., for the Year ending December 31, 1896.

Date of Birth.	Name of Child (if any).	Sex and Condition. Male.	Female.	Living or Stillborn.	No. of child 1st, 2d, etc.	Color.	Name of Father.	Maiden Name of Mother.	Color of Parents.	Residence of Parents.	Occupation of Father.	Birthplace of Father.	Birthplace of Mother.	Age of Father.	Age of Mother.
Jan. 1	Jos'phine Agnes		F	L	2	W	Edward Normandy.	Julia Tessier.	W	Swanzey.	Mechanic.	Canada.	Dan'emora NY	29	25
" 6	Mabel Evang'ne.		F	"	1	"	John M. Stone.	Alice Norcross	"	"	"	Swanzey.	Winch'don, Ms	26	20
" 16	Leverett B.	M		"	3	"	Edward F. Rolfe.	Elnora Beals.	"	"	"	Charlesto'n Ms	Fremont, N. S.	26	24
Feb. 8	Theodore W.	M		"	2	"	William H. Higgins.	ChristaCalkins	"	"	"	Jamaica, Vt.	Swanzey.	24	19
Mar. 26	Madge K.		F	"	1	"	Ned H. Evans.	Jennie Cram.	"	"	Hotel keeper.	Swanzey.	Chelsea, Vt.	31	29
Apr. 27	Fred.	M		"	7	"	Levi Ellor.	M. McDonald.	"	"	Laborer.	Canada.	Canada.	40	40
" 29	Edwin Ernest.	M		"	1	"	Ernest L. Ridley.	Eva Carlton.	"	"	Mechanic.	New Haven, Ct	Richmond.	27	23
May 24			F	"	2	"	Will J. Fitch.	Jessie Handy.	"	"	Manufacturer.	Harrisville.	Swanzey.	28	25
" 30	Karl W.	M		"	2	"	Truman O. Harlow.	L. Chadbourn.	"	"	Clergyman.	Strafford, Vt.	Cornish.	38	31
June 3	Marion Alice.		F	"	2	"	Ernest C. Whitcomb.	Lou M. Cooper.	"	"	Farmer.	Swanzey.	Keene.	24	22
" 9	Margaret Ellen.		F	"	2	"	James Glendon.	Kate Lowery.	"	"	"	Ireland.	Ireland.	25	29
" 13	Marjory Louise.		F	"	2	"	Walter F. Oakman.	Anna M. Ball.	"	"	Mechanic.	Swanzey.	Leverett, Ms.	35	35
" 30	Paul Elsmere.	M		"	2	"	Joseph G. Dickinson	Mary M. Eaton.	"	"	"	"	Winchester.	48	33
" 30	Richard Fred'ck	M		"	3	"	Richard Dunn.	Cora Church.	"	"	Laborer.	Coventry, Vt.	Coventry, Vt.	30	22
" 30	Raymond.	M		"	4	"	Fred J. Cantlin.	Mary Rafferty.	"	"	Watchman.	Swanzey.	Hinsdale.	25	24
July 18	Mary Frances.		F	"	3	"	Richard Ramsdell.	Eva L. Mead.	"	"	Mason.	"	Chesterfield.	34	33
Aug. 13		M		S	1	"	Harry Green.	Emma Nadow,	"	"	Farmer.	Keene.	Holden, Mass.	28	28
" 13	Cecil Anthony.	M		L	3	"	Ceylon C. Lang,	S. Whitcomb.	"	"	"	Troy.	Swanzey.	29	17
" 17	John Byron.	M		"	2	"	John B. Porter.	Flora M. Ball.	"	"	"	Swanzey.	"	34	28
" 19	Mary Agnes.		F	"	1	"	Richard A. Grogan.	Marg. Quinn.	"	"	Mechanic.	"	Keene.	27	27
Sept. 12		M		S	11	"	Joseph Gamarsh.	Mary Shacket.	"	"	"	Canada.	Swanton, Vt.	48	42
" 25	Gladys Marietta.		F	L	1	"	Leon M. Marsh.	G. Church.	"	"	Farmer.	Swanzey.	Irasburg, Vt.	19	16
" 30	Gladys.		F	"	4	"	Louis Fortier.	V. Bouvier.	"	"	Laborer.	Canada.	Plattsburg N Y	28	26
Oct. 2	Carroll George.	M		"	2	"	George L. Crouch.	S. Kingman.	"	"	Farmer.	Swanzey.	Keene.	26	25
Dec. 23	Nina.		F	"	7	"	Nelson A. Collier.	Emma Ballou.	"	"	"	Montague, Ms.	Swanzey.	46	36

Marriages Registered in the Town of Swanzey, N. H., for the Year ending December 31, 1896.

Date of Marriage.	Place of Marriage.	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride	Residence of each at time of Marriage.	Age in years.	Color of each.	Occupation of Groom and Bride.	Place of Birth of each.	Names of Parents.	Birthplace of Parents.	Occupation.	Condition.*	Name, Residence and Official Station of person by whom married.
Jan. 4	Swanzey.	C. Ned Eames.	West Swanzey	19	W	Mechanic.	Swanzey.	Clar'ce Eames. A. Dickinson.	Swanzey. "	Painter.	1st	Geo. I. Cutler, JP
		Cora A. Young.	Winchester.	16	"	Housework.	Sullivan.	Alvin Young. Viola.	Saratoga, N. Y. Goshen. [Y	Farmer.	1st	West Swanzey
May 1	"	William N. Graves.	Swanzey.	23	"	Farmer.	Rutland, Vt.	Fay'tte Graves Emma Green.	Brazier F'lls, N Clarendon, Vt.	Farmer. Housekeep'r	1st	Rev C E Milliken
		Lillian Armstrong	"	20	"	Housework.	Digby, N. S.	H. Armstrong. Emma Hunt.			1st	Swanzey.
" 12	Brattleboro, [Vt.	Arthur R. Cole.	"	21	"	Laborer.	Northfield, [Ms.	Joshua Cole. Han'h Putney.	Leverett, Ms. Petersham, Ms	Mechanic.	1st	J. C. Holston, J P
		Carrie B. Hildreth.	"	15	"	Housework.	Keene.	Will Hildreth. Hattie Barrus.	Winch'nd'n Ms Fitzwilliam.	Mechanic.	1st	Wendell, Ms.
June 18	Swanzey.	Chas. Thompson.	Grafton, Vt.	38	"	Farmer.	Grafton, Vt.	J. Thompson. C, Fairbanks.	Grafton, Vt. "		2d	Rev T O Harlow
		Florence Downing	Swanzey.	24	"	Teacher.	Marlow.	F. Downing. Mary L. Ware.	Marlow. Swanzey. [Ms	Housekeep'r	1st	West Swanzey
July 1	"	George A. Seeley.	Great Barring-[ton, Ms.	50	"	Engineer.	Great Bar-[rington, Ms	Edw'rd Seeley A. Turner.	Gt. Barrington " [Ms.		2d	Geo I. Cutler, JP
		Helen A. Roberts.	Pittsfield, Ms.	30	"	Agent.	Williams-[town, Ms	J. Sampson. Lucy Bushy.	New Ashford, Petersburg NY		2d	West Swanzey
" 22	Fitchburg, [Ms.	Harry W. Goodell.	Swanzey.	23	"	Farmer.	Swanzey.	J. W. Goodell. Mary R. Hill.	Athol, Ms. Swanzey.	Farmer. Housekeep'r	1st	Rev C M Addison
		Winnifred Gay.	"	22	"	Teacher.	"	Phineas Gay. Lizzie Hills.	" "	Farmer. Housekeep'r	1st	Fitchburg, Ms.
Aug. 9	Swanzey.	Willie Nickerson.	Westport.	18	"	Pail turner.	Hinsdale.	H. Nickerson. Ella Ray.			1st	Geo. I. Cutler, JP
		Mattie M. Calkins.	"	24	"	Housework.	Jacksonville [Vt.	M. Amadon. E. Bigelow.			2d	West Swanzey
" 17	Marlboro'.	Henry Harper.	Swanzey.	21	"	Box maker.	Keene.	Daniel Harper. Emma Durant.	Canada. "	Farmer. Housework.	1st	Rev. D. C. Ling,
		Alice Cloutier.	Marlboro'.	19	"	Housework.	Proctorsville [Vt.	Moses Cloutier An'a Campbell	" Vermont.	Sectionhand. Housework.	1st	Marlboro'.

* Whether single or widowed. What marriage — whether 1st, 2d, etc.

Marriages Registered in the Town of Swanzey, N. H., for the Year ending December 31, 1896.

Date of Marriage.	Place of Marriage.	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride	Residence of each at time of Marriage.	Age in years.	Color of each.	Occupation of Groom and Bride.	Place of Birth of each.	Names of Parents.	Birthplace of Parents.	Occupation.	Condition.*	Name, Residence and Official Station of person by whom married.
Sept. 6	Swanzey.	E. Myron Prentice	Westport.	24	W	Mechanic.	Athol, Ms.				1st	Rev. J. H. Trow,
		Gertrude Parker.	"	16	"	Housework.	Keene.	Geo. Parker. Carola Thomas	Keene.	Mechanic.	1st	Winchester.
Oct. 1	Brattleboro, [Vt.	Robert E. Rixford.	"	20	"	Mechanic.	Springfield, [Ms.	L. M. Rixford. Hattie Davis.	Swanzey. Winchester.		1st	W. S. Newton, JP
		Dora J. Cole.	"	16	"	Housework.	Erving, Ms.	Joshua Cole. Han'h Putney.	N. Leverett Ms Petersham, Ms	Farmer.	1st	Brattleboro, Vt
" 17	Swanzey.	Herman Lincoln.	Swanzey.	58	"	Mechanic.	Peru, Vt.	James Lincoln Mary Chandler	Dorset, Vt. Peru, Vt.		2d	Rev T O Harlow
		Lizzie Bryant.	"	65	"	Housek'per.	Chesterfield.	Wash. White. Ad'line Crosby	Chesterfield. Newfane, Vt.		3d	West Swanzey
" 27	Keene.	Ziba Eastman.	Rutland, Vt.	33	"	Farmer.	Rutland, Vt.	L. Eastman. A. Plummer.	Clarendon, Vt. Shrewsbury Vt	Farmer.	1st	Rev. M. C. Pen- [dexter,
		Nettie Sumner.	"	39	"	Housework.	Shrewsbury, [Vt.	W. Wilmouth. S. Saunders.	"	Farmer.	2d	Keene.
Nov. 17	Swanzey.	Frank W. Stone.	Swanzey.	21	"	Farmer.	Swanzey.	Marcus Stone. Emma Wilbur.	Swanzey. Worcester, Ms.	Farmer.	1st	Rev. V. W. Black- [man,
		Edna M. Talbott.	"	19	"	Housework.	Warwick, Ms	Alfred Talbott S Chamberlain		Farmer.	1st	Swanzey.
" 25	Keene.	Charles A. Crouch.	"	23	"	Mechanic.	Swanzey.	Luman Crouch Elmi'a Tarbox	Chesterfield. Nelson.	Farmer. Housekeep'r	1st	Rev. M. C. Pen- [dexter,
		Mattie A Kingman	Westmoreland	22	"	Housework.	Roxbury.	A. Kingman. Persis Rice.	Claremont. B'llows F'ls Vt	Farmer. Housekeep'r	1st	Keene.
Dec. 23	Swanzey.	Chas. Greenleaf.	Swanzey.	42	"	Farmer.	Swanzey.	D. Greenleaf. M. Carter.	Templeton Ms Milford, Ms.		1st	Rev T O Harlow
		Grace E. Bourn.	"	20	"	Housework.	Winchester.	Ansel Bourn. Hattie Fassett.	Winchester.	Mechanic.	1st	West Swanzey

* Whether single or widowed. What marriage — whether 1st, 2d, etc.

Deaths Registered in the Town of Swanzey, N. H., for the Year ending December 31, 1896.

Date of Death.	Name and Surname of the Deceased.	Age.			Place of Birth.	Sex and Conditi'n				Occupation.	Place of Birth.		Name of Father.	Maiden Name of Mother.
		Years.	Months.	Days.		Male.	Female.	Color.	S., M., W.*		Father.	Mother.		
Jan. 6	Susanna Read.	89		2	Swanzey.		F	W	W	Retired.			Abij'h Whitcomb	Susanna Warner
" 10	Mabel E. Stone.			4	"		F	"			Swanzey.	Winch'nd'n Ms	John M. Stone.	Alice Norcross.
Feb. 9	John S. Sargent.	87	4	10	Keene.	M		"	W	Farmer.	Marlboro'.	Marlboro'.	John Sargent.	Annie Lewis.
" 25	Theodore W.			17	Swanzey.	M		"			Jamaica, Vt.	Swanzey.	Will, H. Higgins	Christa Calkins.
Mar. 11	Etta R. Thompson,	36	9	19	Richmond.		F	"	M	Housekeeper.	Richmond.	Hartland, Vt.	Daniel Twitchell	M. Freeman.
" 14	Rachel L. Lane.	20	1	15	Swanzey.		F	"	S		Swanzey.	Keene.	Cleon M. Lane.	Roxanna Slyfield
Apr. 3	Olive P. Thompson	67	5	9	"		F	"	W	Housekeeper.	"	Fitzwilliam.	Clark Holbrook.	Abigail Mellen.
" 6	Sarah S. Hewes.	73	7	20	"		F	"	S	Housework.		Swanzey.	William Hewes.	Sarah Norwood.
" 9	Henry A. Ramsdell	45	5	4	"	M		"	S	Farmer.	"	" [Ms.	Aquila Ramsdell	L. Whitcomb.
" 27	Harr't B. Richards	67	3	7	Petersham, Ms.		F	"	W	Retired.	Petersham, Ms	Northampton,	Humph'y Farrar	Catherine B.
May 11	Paul W. Capron.	1		5	Swanzey.	M		"			Swanzey.	Swanzey.	Henry Capron.	Ida M. Taft.
" 31	Eri B. Jerome.	80	9	7	Georgia, Vt.	M		"	M	Farmer.	Connecticut.		Eri Jerome.	Sally Holmes.
June 8	Abigail L. Bailey.	77	11	5	Winchendon, Ms		F	"	W	Housekeeper.	Dracut, Ms.	Rowley, Ms.	Levi Pillsbury,	Sarah Pickard.
" 16	Chas. E. Milliken.	66	4	11		M		"	W	Clergyman.			Cyrus Milliken.	Mary Smith.
Aug. 2	Jesse W. Murphy.	79	11	6	Rindge.	M		"	M	Retired.	Somersworth.	New Ipswich.	George Murphy.	Rebecca Walker.
" 9	Wm. S. Jackson.	61	6	17	Swanzey.	M		"	M	Farmer.	Swanzey.	Swanzey.	Jonat'n Jackson.	Mary Seaver.
" 17	John N. Redmond.	25			Toronto, Can.	M		"	S	Dentist.	Buffalo, N. Y.	Mapleville Can	Patri'k Redmond	Mary A. Fichnier
Oct. 5	Wm. N. Ripley.	66	1	16	Winchester.	M		"	M	Laborer.	Winchester.		Alden Ripley.	
" 10	Jennie Rockwood.	4	6	11	Swanzey.		F	"			Swanzey.	Swanzey.	Chas. Rockwood.	Alice A. Stanley.
" 26	John A. Rand.	70			Harvard, Ms.	M		"	M	Mechanic.	Harvard, Ms.	Harvard, Ms.	Jonathan Rand.	Mary Taylor.
Nov. 24	Fred A. Watson.	34	2	26	Blendon, O.	M		"	M	Farmer.	Hoosic, N. Y.	Guildhall, Vt.	Edward Watson.	Maria Biswell.

* Single, married or widowed.

I hereby certify that the foregoing transcript of births, marriages and deaths is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

GEORGE I. CUTLER,
Town Clerk.

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

To the inhabitants of the town of Swanzey, in the county of Cheshire in said state, qualified to vote in town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the town house, in said town, on Tuesday, the ninth day of March next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1.—To choose all necessary town officers and agents for the year ensuing.

2.—To raise money for the support of highways and bridges.

3.—To raise money for the support of schools.

4.—To raise money for school supplies.

5.—To raise money for the support of poor.

6.—To raise money for ordinary town charges.

7.—To raise money for the care of cemeteries.

8.—To raise money for decorating soldier's graves.

9.—To see if the town will vote to allow a discount on all taxes paid before June 1, 1897, and how much, or act thereon.

10.—To see if the town will vote to let the Grange have the use of the town house free, or take any action thereon.

11.—To see if the town will vote to build new abutments at the bridge near Mrs. Sally Seaver's and put on new bridge, raise money for the same or act thereon.

12.—To see if the town will vote to adopt Chapter 118, of the laws of 1895, or take any action thereon.

13.—To see if the town will vote to re-apprise all the real estate in town, appoint appraisers, or act thereon.

14.—To see if the town will vote to instruct the selectmen to buy land for a cemetery in Westport, raise money for the same, or act thereon.

15.—To see if the town will vote to put on an iron bridge near Mr. Lorenzo Hewes, raise money for the same, or act thereon.

16.—To see if the town will vote to have all the highways in the West Swanzey Fire Precinct re-surveyed and suitable bounds established at each angle, raise money therefor, or act thereon.

17.—To see if the town will vote to make any change in the method of selling town histories, or act thereon.

Given under our hand and seal this 18th day of February, 1897.

WALTER F. OAKMAN,
MARSHALL H. HILL,
ARTHUR A. WOODWARD,
Selectmen of Swanzey.

A true copy—Attest:

WALTER F. OAKMAN,
MARSHALL H. HILL,
ARTHUR A. WOODWARD,
Selectmen of Swanzey.